

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 BILL NO. 496

 By: Smalley and Paxton of the
 Senate

6 and

7 Taylor and **Pittman** of the
8 House

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10 An Act relating to elections; amending 26 O.S. 2011,
11 Sections 4-103, 4-110.1, as amended by Section 5,
12 Chapter 87, O.S.L. 2015 and 4-113 (26 O.S. Supp.
13 2018, Section 4-110.1), which relate to voter
 registration; modifying procedure for voter
 registration for persons of certain age; and
 providing an effective date.

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16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 4-103, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 4-103. ~~Any~~ A. Except for persons described in
20 subsection B of this section, any person who will become a qualified
21 elector during the sixty (60) days before the next ensuing election
22 at which he or she could vote shall be entitled to become a
23 registered voter of the precinct of his or her residence not more
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1 than sixty (60) and not less than twenty-four (24) days prior to
2 ~~said~~ the date of such election.

3 B. Any person who is at least seventeen (17) years and six (6)
4 months of age, but less than eighteen (18) years of age, may submit
5 a voter registration application as provided by law, and shall be
6 entitled to become a registered voter of the precinct of residence
7 upon his or her eighteenth birthday.

8 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 4-110.1, as
9 amended by Section 5, Chapter 87, O.S.L. 2015 (26 O.S. Supp. 2018,
10 Section 4-110.1), is amended to read as follows:

11 Section 4-110.1. A. Voter registration applications may be
12 submitted at any time. However, completed applications received by
13 the State Election Board, any county election board, any agency
14 designated to accept voter registration applications or any motor
15 license agent as part of a driver license or identification card
16 application twenty-four (24) or fewer days prior to an election; any
17 mail application postmarked or any electronic application submitted
18 twenty-four (24) or fewer days prior to an election or any mail
19 application received without a postmark nineteen (19) or fewer days
20 prior to an election shall not be approved for that election if the
21 applicant's residence is located within the geographical boundaries
22 of the entity for which the election is being conducted.

23 B. No more than seven (7) days after any election, each county
24 election board secretary for the county of the applicant's residence

1 shall send a notice of disposition as required in Section 4-103.1 of
2 this title to all persons whose voter registration applications were
3 received twenty-four (24) or fewer days prior to the election.

4 C. Registration for voting purposes occurs when a completed
5 voter registration application is approved by the county election
6 board secretary for the county of the applicant's residence and on
7 the date that the information is entered into the voter registration
8 database for the county of the applicant's residence.

9 D. Registration for candidate filing or party affiliation
10 purposes occurs at the earliest time the completed voter
11 registration application is received at the State Election Board,
12 any county election board, any agency designated to accept voter
13 registration applications or any Motor License Agent as part of a
14 driver license or identification card application provided that the
15 application subsequently is approved by the secretary of the county
16 election board for the county of the applicant's residence; or, in
17 the case of mail applications, registration for candidate filing or
18 party affiliation purposes shall occur at the time when the
19 completed voter registration application is postmarked provided that
20 the application subsequently is approved by the secretary of the
21 county election board for the county of the applicant's residence;
22 or, in the case of a mail application received without a postmark,
23 registration for candidate filing or party affiliation purposes
24 shall occur at the earliest time when the completed application is

1 received by the State Election Board or any county election board
2 provided that the application is subsequently approved by the
3 secretary of the county election board for the county of the
4 applicant's residence.

5 E. Registration for any purpose of a person who is under the
6 age of eighteen (18) years and who has submitted an application
7 pursuant to the provisions of subsection B of Section 4-103 of this
8 title occurs upon the eighteenth birthday of the person, regardless
9 of the time the application is received or approved.

10 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2011, Section 4-113, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 Section 4-113. A. The Secretary of the State Election Board
13 shall devise a voter identification card which shall be issued to
14 every person who becomes a registered voter in Oklahoma. ~~Said~~ The
15 voter identification card shall contain such information as is
16 necessary to determine a registered voter's eligibility.

17 B. When a person registers to vote or changes his or her
18 registration in any manner to require a new voter identification
19 card, or upon the eighteenth birthday of a person who has submitted
20 a voter registration application pursuant to the provisions of
21 subsection B of Section 4-103 of this title, the county election
22 board secretary in the county of the voter's residence shall
23 transmit the new voter identification card as acknowledgment of the
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1 transaction which may be the notice required in Section 4-103.1 of
2 this title.

3 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 03/26/2019 - DO PASS,
6 As Coauthored.

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